(c) the States which have no power project of their own and are fully dependant on outside supply; and

(d) the steps being taken to provide them power plants?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) Information from the State Governments has been sought and will be laid on the Table of the House, on receipt of the same.

Privatization of power plants

†3909. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government now propose to privatize power generation plants after privatizing the power distribution sector in Delhi;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are selling power generation plants to multinational companies at throw-away prices and the people involved in this act are making the money?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) There is no proposal with Government of NCT of Delhi to privatize the power generation plants.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Signing of Framework Protocol with US for FutureGen Power Plants

3910. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed a framework protocol with the US to develop power plants not dependant on LNG or emission-free coal;

(b) if so, whether FutureGen project will set up 275 MW plant using coal conversion technology to gasify coal, oxygen and steam to produce hydrogen-rich synthetic gas;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.